

Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement Clark County, Nevada

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Abstract: The Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) analyzes the potential impacts associated with the disposal and use of public land under the management of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as directed by the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) of 1998, as amended by the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002. Three alternatives are analyzed in this EIS. Under the Proposed Action, all remaining BLM lands (approximately 46,700 acres) within the disposal boundary area would be sold or transferred by 2015. The Conservation Transfer Alternative would be similar to the Proposed Action except approximately 5,000 acres of sensitive vegetation and unique paleontological and archaeological resources within a Conservation Transfer Area would be transferred to entities that would protect or mitigate any resource damage or disturbance. None of the BLM lands remaining within the disposal boundary area would be sold or transferred under the No Action Alternative; management of these lands would continue as specified in the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Conservation Transfer Alternative as described in the FEIS is the BLM's preferred alternative. This alternative would allow the BLM to meet the purpose and need of land disposal as authorized by SNPLMA yet minimize impacts to environmental resources subject to approval of a Conservation Agreement. This FEIS fulfills the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and BLM management policies as defined in the RMP.

Comments: Comments/appeals on this FEIS must be received via the website (<http://www.nv.blm.gov/lvdiseis>), email (lvblmeis@pbsj.com), or postmarked no later than 30 days after EPA publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. See the "Dear Reader" letter at the front of this FEIS for the process for filing an appeal.

Environmental Consultation Requirements: The FEIS supports the consultation requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470 et seq.) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC 1531 et seq.).

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